

Town of Shrewsbury - Board of Selectmen
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building-Selectmen's Meeting Room
100 Maple Avenue
Monday, September 8, 2003 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

Present:

Bruce Card, Maurice DePalo, Thomas Fiore, Philip Hammond, John Lebeaux, and Daniel Morgado, Town Manager. Mr. Fiore called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Preliminaries:

1. Approve bills, payrolls and warrants #0419 in the amount of \$263,897.20, and #0420 in the amount of \$1,618,638.43.
2. Approve Minutes of August 25, 2003 and August 27, 2003. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.
3. Announcements – Mr. Lebeaux noted the recent passing of two gentlemen from the community. Rollins Robinson who served the Town as Assessor for many years and Lou Vella, music teacher and retired chair of the Music Dept. and the force behind the summer band concerts. He wished to recognize their many contributions to the Town and extend the Board's condolences to their families. Mr. Fiore announced that registration for the Parks & Recreation Fall Programs for senior activities opens on Wednesday, September 10th at 8:00am. Registration for youth and adult programs begins on Saturday, September 13th from 8:00am-10:00am at the Town Hall. Information is also available at the Town Hall, Senior Center, Library, and the Town web site. Also the Parks Dept. asks that all residents attending events at the Town recreation fields behind SAC Park use the new driveway. The SAC parking lot should no longer be used as a cut through.
4. Town Manager's Report - Nothing other than what is on the Agenda.

Mr. Fiore announced that Maria Smith and Arthur Dobson from the Spirit of Shrewsbury Committee were present to give the Board an update on the upcoming 7th Annual Spirit of Shrewsbury Celebration. Mr. Dobson announced that the Grand Marshall Dinner Dance honoring Joseph Montecalvo would be held on Friday, September 19th, tickets are \$25 per person. The 2nd Annual Great Quinsig Canoe & Kayak Race takes place on Saturday, September 20th on Lake Quinsigamond. Mrs. Smith updated the Board on the community events scheduled for the weekend of September 26, 27 and 28. On Friday, September 26th there is the COA Health Fair. Saturday, September 27th events are scheduled on the Town Common and a Craft Fair will be held at the Middle School from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The weekend festivities culminate on Sunday with the parade at 1:00pm and post parade celebration until 5:00pm at Dean Park. Mr. Dobson added that programs will be available later in the week at the Town Hall, Library and various other locations in Town. Mr. Fiore thanked Mrs. Smith and Mr. Dobson for coming in and wished them success and good weather for the Festival.

Meetings:

Public Hearings:

Old Business:

5. Chief Sampson's response to request for signage on Route 140 at 273 Boylston Street. The Chief stated that if the state wished to put up a blind driveway sign they are free to do so. If the resident wants to Town to do it they would be responsible for the cost. Highway Dept. John Knipe was present and stated that Route 140 is not a state roadway. In the past if a resident wished to erect such a sign the Highway Dept. would obtain it but the resident would be responsible for the cost and for putting it up and for maintaining it. After a short discussion motion was made to approve the resident's request to erect a blind driveway sign at a location to be determined by the Highway Dept. with cost of sign, erection and maintenance to be borne by resident. A copy of Policy to be included in notification to resident. Motion was seconded and unanimously voted.
6. Request to connect to Shrewsbury Water Supply from Mr. & Mrs. Gino Catalina, 21 Settlers Road, Northborough. Mr. Morgado told the Board that further information has been received since the last meeting regarding this issue from Director of Public Health, Nancy Allen. Ms. Allen advised that the well located on this property meets requirements. However, the connection to Shrewsbury water had already been made prior to the Board's last

meeting. After a discussion the Board concluded that a mistake had been made but decided to let the connection remain for the time being and to defer setting a rate until a later date. Rate will remain at basic residential rate. No action taken at this time

On another matter, Mr. Hammond advised that AAMCO Transmission is using neighborhood streets for test drives again. Mr. Morgado will have Police Dept. remind AAMCO of rules.

New Business:

7. Shrewsbury Electric Light recommending (2) 70 watt high pressure sodium light fixtures to be installed near Greylock Children's Playground. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the Light Dept. recommendation. Mr. Morgado will look into the matter of the broken gate.
8. Oakland Avenue Parking. Mr. Fiore reviewed the discussion on the matter at the previous meeting. At that meeting the Board asked the Public Safety Sub-Committee, Mr. Card and Mr. DePalo, to meet with the Manager and Chief Sampson and report back. Mr. DePalo reported the results of that meeting. It was decided that the best thing to do would be to change the wording in the Traffic Rules and Orders to allow only regular passenger vehicles with a residential permit to park overnight. The Chief of Police will control the issue of permits and enforcement of regulations. There will be no charge for the permits. Residents will continue to maintain the parking area.
9. Plowing of Private Streets. Highway Supt. John Knipe was present and reviewed the list of private streets plowed by the Town amending the list by removing Sunderland Lane which exists as a paper street only and adding Howard Street which had been omitted. Mr. Knipe advised that a decision was needed by the Board on Pond Avenue, Naples Street and Howard Street on whether to remove them from the list. After a discussion in which charging developers for the plowing of subdivisions was discussed, the Board decided to defer removal of any streets from the list at this time and approve the list as presented with the addition of Howard Street and removal of Sunderland Road. Mr. Lebeaux made the following motion; Mr. Chairman, I move the Board designate the regularly traveled portion of those private ways, or portions thereof, as shown on the list prepared by the highway Department entitled "Town of Shrewsbury-Private Street-Plow List 2003" and "Subdivision Listing-Of Streets Not Accepted as Public Ways Thru May 2003" to receive ice and snow removal services during the upcoming winter season pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, Section 6C. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The Board will pursue the removal of the previously mentioned streets from the list in the spring and charging for plowing in subdivisions. Mr. Morgado will ask the Engineering Dept. about status of the latter.
10. Pepper's Fine Foods Catering, 43 Hudson Street, Northborough. One Day Wine & Malt Beverages License for UMass Memorial Employee's Annual Awards Dinner at Hoagland-Pincus Conference Center, 222 Maple Avenue, Wednesday, September 10, 2003 from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the license.
11. School Committee vacancy. Mr. Fiore announced that the Board had received a notice from the School Committee that there is a vacancy on the committee due to the resignation of Nancy Hochstein. Mr. Fiore thanked Mrs. Hochstein for her service to the Town. A joint meeting of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen is required for the purpose of selecting someone to fill this vacancy. The Board will receive letters of interest in this position from September 9 through 4:30pm on September 26. The notice of vacancy will be posted on the bulletin board, the Town web site, public access channels and a general notice will be sent to the newspapers. A discussion of the date for the joint meeting followed. Mr. Morgado said that the School Committee would like a decision prior to October 15th if possible. He will find out if the School Committee could do September 30th or October 1st or 2nd or a last resort, October 14th for a joint meeting.
12. Review Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Morgado advised that the Finance Committee will be reviewing the Warrant on Thursday night and will ask for the Board's position on the Articles; therefore, he would like to review the Warrant this evening. Article 1-There has been a misunderstanding between the Housing Authority and Mr. Morgado. They do not have the funds to purchase the Holden Street property at the appraised value. Therefore, there are three options open 1) sell the property to the Housing Authority for the amount they propose, 2) sell the property at fair market value through a public auction, 3) sell as a moderate income property through the Housing Authority and lottery. Article requires no decision on how to sell only if the Town wishes to sell the property. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to recommend. Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to recommend.
13. Spirit of Shrewsbury Assoc., Arthur Dobson, V.P. – One Day Common Victualler's License for Spirit of Shrewsbury Common Events, Saturday, September 27, 2003 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.

Executive Session:

Value of real property. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn into executive session at 8:44pm and not to reconvene for the purpose of discussing value of real property. The Board was polled, Mr. Card, yes, Mr. Lebeaux, yes, Mr. Hammond, yes, Mr. DePalo, yes, and Mr. Fiore, yes.

Communications:

7. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Ann Dagle re: appointment of Shannon M. Henry, Burial Agent for Britton Funeral Homes. Motion was made to approve Shannon Henry as burial agent, seconded and unanimously voted.
8. Noted copy mailed: Arc of Innovation 495 Metrowest Corridor seeking Town's support and involvement. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to support this mission.
9. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Mary Lee Adams Alonzo opposing Dunkin Donuts Drive through window.
10. Noted copy mailed: Complaint letter from Baheegee Ayik Re: Noise at Milan Night Club. Forward to Chief Sampson for follow up.
11. Noted copy mailed: Mass. Dept. of Revenue Bulletin 2003-17B, Sewer Rate Relief Fund-FY2004 & 2003-18B, Summary of 2003 Municipal Finance Law Changes.
12. Noted copy mailed: Mass. Dept. of Revenue Informational Guidelines #03-102, Abolition of Emergency Finance Board & Impact on Municipal Borrowings & Appropriations; #03-208, Special Revolving Funds for Hiring Outside Consultants; #03-209, Supplemental Tax Assessment on New Construction; #03-210, Collection Costs & Procedures; #03-211, Municipal Tax Amnesty Program.
13. Noted copy mailed: Response from School Committee Chair Deborah Peeples to John Rekemeyer re Budget Cuts. No action taken.
14. Noted copy mailed: Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation News for 8/28/03.
15. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from G.M. Brunnett re No. Quinsigamond Ave. Contact for clarification of which school and section of No. Quinsigamond Avenue.
16. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Mass. Technology Collaborative re Community Wind Collaborative.
17. Noted copy mailed: Memo from Dept. of Housing & Community Development re Grant Alert – FY2004 Block Grant Program.
18. Noted copy mailed: Notice for Dept. of Housing & Community Development re Public Information Sessions re FY04 Community Development Block Grant Program. (brochure on file in office)
19. Noted copy mailed: Planning Board Meeting Minutes, 7/10/03.
20. Noted copy mailed: Response from EPA to Assabet River Consortium re Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plans/Environmental Impact Reports. No changes from draft.

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Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. McCoy
Secretary